

What is considered solid waste?

- Trash
- Ashes
- Industrial waste
- Sewage sludge
- Demolition/construction waste
- Abandoned vehicles
- Source-separated recyclable material collected from residences

What is considered recyclable material?

Waste separated for reuse that is identified as recyclable by local city or county authorities.

What is the "two box rule?"

Any construction or demolition site where recyclable materials are generated and transported for recycling must have a separate container for non-recyclable material.

What are the penalties for hauling solid waste without the proper authority?

Providing or advertising for the hauling of solid waste without proper authority may be subject to a penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.



REPORT ILLEGAL HAULERS

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Applicable Laws and Rules

RCW 81.77, RCW 70.95,
WAC 173-345, WAC 480-14,
and WAC 480-70.



Collecting and Transporting Solid Waste and Recycling

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Services for residential solid waste and recycling collection require a permit from the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) or a contract with a city or county.

Providing solid waste and recycling services to a residential customer's location for the customer to fill requires a solid waste certificate.

Solid waste certificate services include:

- containers
- drop-boxes
- trucks/trailers

Contact the local solid waste certified or city-contracted solid waste hauler for services.

LICENSED CONTRACTORS

Licensed contractors may transport their generated debris from residential or commercial projects if their employees load and transport the waste using company-owned equipment.

Hauling containers, drop-boxes, trucks, or trailers filled by the project's licensed contractor and transported in their equipment as an incidental part of a residential or commercial project is considered private carriage and does not require a solid waste certificate. Materials must be recycled, reused, sold, or otherwise properly disposed of according to state law.

To be considered incidental, the customer must not load materials into the licensed contractor's equipment or set the materials out at the curb for collection.



COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Companies providing commercial solid waste and recycling services must carry the proper permit from the UTC.

Solid waste services to a commercial customer's location, for the customer to fill, require a solid waste certificate.

Solid Waste Certificate services include:

- containers
- drop-boxes
- trucks/trailers

Providing services for recyclable materials and hauling to an authorized recycling facility requires:

- Common Carrier Authority from the UTC
- Registration with the Department of Ecology as a Transporter of Recyclable Materials.

Check a solid waste or recycling company's permit status at: www.utc.wa.gov/companies

